Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Whether this will be taken up and provided for in next year s budget ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I am unable to forecaste at this stage what the commitments of the Government will be. We have to provide funds for the college the work of which has to be expedited. What funds will be left over for distribution over public schools I cannot say.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—When do the Heads of Departments prepare their estimates and submit their items to the Government for sanction ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—They make the recommendations by the middle of Meenam.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Has the Government any idea to provide Mattancheri with a school ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It has already been placed before the Government. In the original work this has also been included.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—How many years will it take to realise the scheme?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It depends upon the nature of the contractor, the rapidity with which the Devaswam hands over the site and other factors.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Is the Government at the mercy of the nature of the contractors ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—We are at the mercy of so many things.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—If the Devaswam is not willing to provide a site for the Government, have the Government any idea to acquire a site and provide a school ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—That contingency does not arise. They have promised to provide us with a site.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—How they will be able to make the figures for the acquisition of the land and the building ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The land is going to be bought back and handed over to the Government by the Devaswam.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Suppose the Devaswam refuses, whether the Government will have to acquire or purchase the land ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—That contingency has not arisen because they have promised.

Consideration of measures to relieve indebted peasantry.

393. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state when they will be considering in their heads of departments' meeting the problem of helping our indebted peasantry, promised by them as long ago as the last budget session, and re-iterated in our last meeting ?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The point will be considered at the next meeting.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know whether the subject is light enough for the Government not to have conducted a meeting of the heads of departments all these 8 months ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There was no suitable way to conduct such a meeting. There was no necessity till now. There have been small meetings with groups of heads of departments and the Diwan. It was not possible to have a regular meeting with all the heads of departments till now. We have had only consultations with groups of heads of departments.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Is there any fixed rule that the heads of departments' meeting should be regularly conducted ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is no fixed rule that every quarter there should be meetings.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Are minutes kept of the meetings ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran—Yes.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Will it be available to the House ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I cannot say.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Did not the Government confess that the problem of peasant indebtedness was very heavy here ?

President.—That is not exactly relevant to this. There are other specific questions coming up.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Did not the Government promise in the last Budget Session that this question will be placed before the next meeting ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That we said.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Did not the Government recognise the seriousness of the problem ? Did not they give vent to that appreciation of theirs in the last meeting?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not remember exactly what was the promise made by the Government, but it is a very important question and it will be one of the points which will be considered in the economic survey.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know when the next meeting of the heads of departments will be, when you intend to place it before them ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The date has not been fixed.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Would it be, say, in the near future?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I cannot say with any precision.

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